

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

/1. (Currently amended) A ~~performance data editing method for a~~ method for editing performance data using a computer system ~~containing~~ having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

B 1 controlling the computer system to display a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data ~~at least one execution icon corresponding to execution-related data can be attached to each of the layers;~~

providing an instruction to control at least one of the layers to be placed in a display mode or a non-display mode ~~selectively~~; and

controlling the computer system to ~~perform or stop displaying~~ display or not to display the at least one of the layers in response to the instruction.

/14. (Currently amended) A performance data editing apparatus ~~containing~~ having a display comprising:

B2 a first controller for displaying a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data ~~at least one execution icon corresponding to execution-related data can be attached to each of the layers;~~

~~an instructor~~ a receiver for instructing receiving executable instructions to place at least one of the layers ~~to be placed~~ in a display mode or a non-display mode ~~selectively~~; and

a second controller for ~~performing or stop displaying~~ responding to the received instructions by causing the display or non-display of the at least one of the layers ~~being~~ instructed.

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/20. (Currently amended) A machine-readable media containing an executable program for causing storing data and programs that cause a computer system to perform a method for editing performance data, said computer system having a display, said method comprising the steps of containing a display for performing a performance data editing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the computer system to display a plurality of layers on a screen of the display, wherein each of the plurality of layers is arranged so as to allow an execution icon be graphically attached thereto, said execution icon corresponding to execution-related data at least one execution icon corresponding to execution-related data can be attached to each of the layers;

providing an instruction to control at least one of the layers to be placed in a display mode or a non-display mode selectively; and

controlling the computer system to ~~perform or stop displaying~~ display or not to display the at least one of the layers in response to the instruction.

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26. (Currently amended) The performance data editing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of attaching to at least one of the plurality of layers one or plural execution icons in a prescribed direction in accordance with progression of the performance data

~~wherein one or plural execution icons are displayed in each layer on the screen of the display and are arranged in a prescribed direction in correspondence with the progress of performance data.~~

27. (Previously presented) The performance data editing method of claim 1, wherein each layer is displayed as an execution icon layer in correspondence with the execution-related data.

28. (Previously presented) The performance data editing method of claim 27, wherein the execution icon layer contains at least one of a tempo icon layer, a dynamics icon layer, a joint icon layer, a modulation icon layer, an accent icon layer, an attack icon layer, and a release icon layer.

29. (Currently amended) The performance data editing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the computer system to display a name of at least one of the plurality of layers

~~wherein a name of the layer is additionally displayed in accordance with the instruction when the layer is displayed on the screen of the display.~~

30. (Currently amended) The performance data editing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the computer system to further display an operator for controlling at least one of the plurality of layers displayed on the screen of the display

~~wherein an operator for controlling the layer is further displayed in accordance with the instruction when the layer is displayed on the screen of the display.~~

31. (canceled)

32. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of attaching an execution icon onto at least one of the plurality of layers displayed on the screen of the display.

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33. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
editing the execution icon attached onto one of said plurality of layers; and
editing the performance data corresponding to the execution icon that is edited.
